Sanatorium for Tuberculosis.

92. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): (1) When were orders issued by the Government approving of the recommendation for opening a sanatorium in Travancore for tuberculosis patients?

(2) Was any site for that purpose selected by the Darbar Physician, and, if so, where and when?

(3) If a site was chosen, was it approved of by the Government?

(4) If it has not been approved of by the Government, will they be pleased to state the reason therefor?

(5) If the site is approved of by the Government, will they be pleased to state the reasons for the delay in beginning the work?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (1) Orders were not issued approving of the recommendation for opening a sanatorium for tuberculosis in Travancore.

(2) A site for the purpose was selected by the Darbar Physician in July 1919 near the Cape at the 53rd mile of the Nagercoil-Cape road.

(3) No.

(4) The site chosen was not approved of by the Government for the following reasons:—

(*a*) owing to the close proximity of the sea on three sides of the proposed site the atmosphere of the place is surcharged with heavy salt-laden moisture;

(*b*) very near the place there is a good deal of wet cultivation under the Kodayar Irrigation system; besides, there are stagnant pools and tanks dotted over the surrounding area;

(*c*) the elevation of the land is only slight;

(*d*) readings spread over a number of years are not available regarding humidity and density of the atmosphere and direction and force of the periodic winds; and

(*e*) information is also wanting regarding drainage and contours, sub-soil and strata formations and sources of water supply.

(5) In view of the answers to parts (3) and (4), this does not arise. The Administrative Board, Medical Services, has, however, been asked to report further in the matter.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): With reference to part (2) of the answer, is the learned Secretary in a position to disclose the name of the Darbar Physician who selected that site?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): If I remember correct, it was Dr. Perkins.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): With reference to the answer to part (5), seeing the matter has engaged the attention of the Government so early as 1919, will the Government be pleased to call for the report of the Administrative Board promptly?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

LIBRARY ARCHIVES Kerala Legislative Assembly